

500 SEE COMMERCIAL LEAGUE
PLAY SEASON'S FIRST GAME

Shelton-Payne Team Beats Feldmans, 8 to 7, While the Puritys Defeat Everybody's by Score of 3 to 2; the Opening Is Without Ceremony; Wind and Rain Break In On Sunday's Doubleheader.

BY "BECK."

THE opening games of the Commercial League took place at Washington park Sunday afternoon, when about 500 fans saw two close contests. The Shelton-Payne team beat Feldmans 8 to 7, and the Puritys won a close game from Everybody's by a score of 3 to 2. The first game was rather loosely played, but the second was an excellent exhibition of baseball.

There were no special ceremonies attendant upon the opening. "Let's get 'er going," said "Burr Nuff" Kix, manager of the Feldmans team, when the hands of the clock reached 2. And out went the Feldmans and the old Central, who are playing in the league as the representatives of the Shelton-Payne Arms company. Leighton was on the mound for the Feldmans and he was a bit nervous in the opening stanza. But he wasn't the only uneasy player, for he had some pretty shaky support. As it was, Leighton got through with one run against him in the opening session. Chuma, for the Shelton-Paynes, was located for a couple of singles that gave the Feldmans a run, but he then settled down and sent down the opposing batters in order in the second and third. The Mexicans added two more in the fifth and third, but the official score stated that five runs crossed the plate. Anyway, it was a merry jumble for a few minutes. Chuma settled down again in the sixth and seventh and had the photographers cutting holes in the air. The Mexicans made the game safe by Lafane's homer in the sixth.

Lafane was a regular hitting fiend. He had a homer, a triple and a single. Milian was in the state of being a Feldman. He contributed three singles. On all three of them he got to second, but Lafane added on two occasions by error, while on the other hit he advanced to second when the ball was played for another home run. The Feldmans need some team practice. Their fielding was poor, but the boys have the stuff for a good ball team and will round into form soon. The Mexicans will need to be watched. Except for the ascension in the fifth, they played snappy ball.

The Scoring:
Feldmans—AB R H O A E
Crabb, ss..... 4 0 1 2 0 1
Fox, 1b..... 3 0 1 2 0 1
Milan, 2b..... 4 2 3 1 0 1
Branan, cf..... 3 2 3 1 0 0
Pomeroy, c..... 4 1 2 3 0 1
Tatum, p..... 4 1 2 3 0 1
Walker, lf..... 3 1 1 0 0 0
Leighton, r..... 2 0 0 1 1 0
Totals..... 32 7 13 16 4 6

Shelton-Payne—AB R H O A E
Tayo, c..... 3 0 1 1 0 0
Beto, 1b..... 4 1 0 0 0 0
George, lf..... 3 1 0 0 0 0
Lafane, rf..... 4 2 3 1 0 0
Lolo, 2b..... 4 1 2 10 0 0
Caro, 3b..... 4 0 0 2 2 1
Chuma, p..... 3 2 3 0 0 0
Sixto, 1b..... 2 0 0 1 0 0
Chayol, 2b..... 2 0 2 3 2 2
Totals..... 32 8 12 23 7 7

Feldmans..... 100 120 8-7
Shelton-Payne..... 115 201 8-7
Summary—Home run, Lafane; three base hit, Walker; Lolo, Chayol; Lolo; two base hit, Beto; sacrifice hit, Branan; stolen bases, Branan, Milian, Sixto, Caro; struck out by Leighton 4, by Chuma 4; first base on balls, off Leighton 2; wild pitch, Chuma 1; Leighton 2; passed ball, Pomeroy 1; time of game, 2:30; umpire, Rogers.

Purity vs. Everybody's.
The sun was again shining brightly when the Puritys and Everybody's met in the field. Red Brennan, a southpaw, went to the mound for the bakers and Fisher performed for the department store.

This proved to be a real snappy contest. For four innings Fisher sent the opposing batters in order. With one gone in the fifth, Dwyer connected for three bases and came home on Campbell's error. In the sixth Campbell made another bobble and Brennan got life on first. Donnell got life when Brennan was retired at second and Davis then came along with a home run. Fisher was certainly a hard luck and should have had a shut-out. The department store team did not have an earned run.

Brennan a Hit Wile.

Brennan, like most southpaws early in the season, was untidy. He started by losing a free transportation to Campbell, who was caught taking a nap off first. Hunter was easily accounted for at first and Gilmore came up with a big stick. He connected for a double and took third on a wild pitch. Bunsion hit to center for a single and Gilmore scored, but Bunsion was caught in trying to stretch his hit to two bases.

In the fourth, a double, two wild pitches, a hit batter and a stolen base gave the department store boys a second run. They threatened in the seventh and it was up and back for the while. After Fisher was hit, Perry was sent in as a pinch hitter, but he failed in the Ham Hyatt role, taking three strikes. Doring, but Cunningham connected for a single. Brennan began to show the strain and walked Campbell. Hunter then lifted what looked like a safe one to right, but Davis got under it and the game was over.

How They Scored.

The box score follows:
Everybody's—AB R H O A E
Campbell, 2b..... 2 0 2 1 4 2
Hunter, lf..... 4 1 1 1 0 0
Gilmore, 1b..... 3 1 2 2 0 0
Bunsion, 2b..... 2 1 0 0 0 0
Lawrence, c..... 3 0 0 0 0 0
Fisher, p..... 2 0 0 0 0 0
Perry, rf..... 1 0 0 0 0 0
Klenke, cf..... 2 0 1 0 0 0
Cunningham, cf..... 2 0 1 0 0 0
Totals..... 25 2 7 21 9 2

Puritys—AB R H O A E
Donnell, 2b..... 3 1 0 2 0 0
Davis, 1b..... 3 1 2 0 0 0
Doring, c..... 3 0 0 6 2 0
Meason, 2b..... 3 0 0 0 1 0
Dwyer, lf..... 3 1 2 0 1 0
Puritan, ss..... 2 0 1 2 0 0
Atkins, rf..... 2 0 0 0 0 0
Davis, rf..... 2 0 0 1 0 0
Brennan, p..... 2 0 0 1 0 0
Totals..... 24 3 2 13 11 0

Perry batted for Doyle in the seventh. Everybody's..... 100 100 6-2
Summary—Home run, Davis; three base hit, Dwyer; two base hit, Gilmore; Hunter; struck out by Fisher 4, by Brennan 2; first base on balls, off Brennan 2; hit by pitcher, Bunsion 2; wild pitches, Brennan 2; first base on error, Puritys 1; stolen bases, Bunsion, Cunningham; time of game, 1:40; umpire, Rogers.

Diamond Dust

It's a mighty good idea to let the kids in to see the games, but some police protection will have to be secured by the league for future games. The youngsters were on the roof, knocking dirt and rust on the spectators in the grandstand, crowding on the field and generally misbehaving themselves.

Milan declared that if manager Rix doesn't get a rooting brigade that will equal the Purity boosters, he is going to transfer to the bakers' team. The Puritys had the strong support of a bevy of fair beauties in the grandstand and there was considerable jealousy on the part of the other players.

Ranson pulled off a sensational catch of Phillman's line drive in the fifth inning.

Both catchers who worked in the second game had some class. Cart should develop into a good backstop, while Lawrence's ability is already well known.

On Sunday's form, the Puritys have a slight edge on the other teams in fielding. Everybody in pitching and the Shelton-Payne in batting. The Feldmans have one or two weak spots and when they are strengthened the photographers will easily hold their own.

Meason's work was being watched, but he had so few chances to shine that it was difficult to get a line on his real ability. He didn't get a hit, but with Fisher in Sunday's form that was no disgrace.

"BECK'S" AMEN CORNER

BY "BECK."

JESS WILLARD's managers, in recounting his ability, lay great stress on "his man-killing punch." Wouldn't it be better for Willard and for the ring game if we heard less about that "man-killing punch"? Boxing isn't supposed to be a life and death affair.

EL PASO sent 561 persons to the Border States tennis tournament at Phoenix, last year. It's a cinch bet that there will be more than double that number here from Tucson, Phoenix, Douglas, Albuquerque, Bisbee, Abilene, Dallas, Austin, Fort Worth—what's the use, just take it for granted that all the towns in the southwest are enumerated.

"WHO will Willard fight next?" asks one dopester. His managers.

TUCSON has a ball team that is going to take some beating in our league. I believe the outfield is the best in the circuit and the pitching staff is about as good as any except possibly Hurley's Las Cruces outfit.

TEDDY TETZLAFF was divorced the same day that Norman Selby (Kid McCoy) was fined for auto speeding in another Los Angeles court. These fellows are encroaching on each other's territory.

NOGALES did not hedge on taking a franchise in the Rio Grande league. They didn't get it for the simple reason that Douglas looked better to the league officers. But if any other city shows any hesitancy about complying with the league's conditions, Nogales will get a chance. They are live wires in that burg.

NEW YORK is to have a big auto racing plant and endeavor to take away the honors of Indianapolis. It will cost \$750,000 and be built on the old Sheepshead Bay racetrack. It is to open Labor day. El Paso, too, will have an auto racing plant in a year or two. This is essentially an auto center and a big track will eventually be built here.

TIA JUANA, Mexico, near San Diego, Calif., is to have a new racetrack and will open a 150-day meet July 4. Part of the opening announcement is interesting: "Other games of chance will be installed later." Get that word "other."

BOY IS HIT ON TEMPLE BY BASEBALL AND DIES. Freehold, N. J., April 12.—John A. De Roche, Jr., 15 years old, died Sunday as the result of being hit on the temple by a batted baseball while a spectator, at a game here Saturday.

HASSAYAMPERS
DEFEAT MESA

Phoenix, Ariz., April 12.—The Phoenix Hassayampers, the local club for the Rio Grande league, played errorless ball on Sunday afternoon and beat the Mesa Gems, 5 to 2. There were no particularly brilliant plays, owing to a rough diamond, but the Hassayampers showed up better than any club that has ever before represented Phoenix. McCreary pitched six innings and showed form which looked like he will be the pitching mainstay of the locals. Toner pitched the seventh and eighth innings but was wild and threw himself into the mound for the ninth.

While covering first base, Heater was accidentally struck by Griffin. His shoe was cut open but the injury is not serious enough to keep the manager out of the game. Heater's team is now complete as second baseman Bowling arrived Sunday. He didn't get into the game in the afternoon as he was feeling a bit stiff from his train ride.

Score.

H. H. E.

Phoenix..... 5 0

Mesa..... 2 0

Batteries: Phoenix, McCreary, Toner.

Heater and Nutt; Gems, Oviedo and Morris.

However, the El Paso team will be a fifty one. Mack got busy this morning and wired for a pitcher how in California, who is in shape and who has an excellent record in fast company. He is not prepared to announce his name until he gets his signed contract. Mack is now taking no chances. Jack Penfield and Art Schimpf, two of the infielders, should be here by night. Stony McGlynn, the veteran pitcher and the only real veteran on the squad, is due in the morning. Jack Lewis, pitcher, and Johnny Hayes, out-

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The local boys did their best and were cheered on by the big crowd for every good play but the segregation caused by Kitty Brashner was far too speedy for them. The biggest crowd that has turned out in years was on hand and professional ball is going to have strong support here.

The new uniforms are of dark gray with blue stripes and the name "Tucson" worked down the center of the jersey. Elysian grove park was in good condition. The grand stand has been repaired and boxes seating 150 persons added. The new bleachers will seat 400.

Score.

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Tucson..... 2 0

Brauns..... 1 0

Batteries: Tucson, Stevens and Callan; Brauns, Archibald and Young.

Score. R. H. E.

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BY SCORE OF 14-6, ELKS DEFEAT LAWYERS

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The teams were Lawyers—Feuille, Borkshire, Polphrey, Holliday, Stafford, Norcor, Arnold, Brown and Moore. Elks—Edin, Carr, Elmer, Alberts, Yantia, Heid, J. Alberts, Harper and Shannon.

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HERSHFELD

El Paso Team Is Beginning To Arrive
McCloskey Wants To Book Game Sunday

BY "BECK."

WITH baseball players arriving from all parts of the United States, baseball parks being put in readiness, one umpire already here and another on his way, things are shaping up nicely for the Rio Grande baseball league. George Juddy, who will play third for the El Paso team, arrived in the city Saturday in company with Jack McCloskey, son of the local manager. Somehow, it got around that "Duddy and his son" had arrived. An Duddy is only 23 and the "son" is 24. George is wondering how it all happened.

Kitty Knight has been grabbed by the Albuquerque team and will not be with El Paso. McCloskey sent Knight his transportation a week ago, but it appears that George Reed had done the same and had also sent Knight an advance. As a result, the Duke will likely sport him as the star of the pitching corps. McCloskey has been so busy with the lining up of the other clubs that he has been rather neglecting his own team and some of the other managers are taking advantage of this.

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WILLARD VICTORY ADS FIGHT
GAME GREATLY; NEGROES BARRED

Fact that Black Fighters Have No Chance at the Title Will Help Rejuvenate Professional Boxing, Is Believed; Welsh and Nelson Prepare For Their 45 Round Battle For the Championship.

BY RINGSIDE.

NEW YORK, April 19.—Champion Jess Willard's triumph over Jack Johnson has proved the salvation of the pugilistic game. The sport was in a bad state until Willard came along and revolutionized the entire pastime with a pile driving right to Johnson's chin.

Had the burly negro tumbled the giant Kanawha to defeat as easily as he had Willard's predecessors, the deteriorating game would surely have tumbled into the dumps. We would have thought that the trade of "white boxing" was at an end; and this brigade helped sustain interest in the boxing game.

But it is all different now; and the outlook assumes a different aspect. Willard's victory has given the sport the greatest impetus it has received in a score of years. Johnson's ignominious career is at an end, and the Caucasian race is once more prominent in every class of pugilistic category.

One thing we can assure the reader there will never be a black heavyweight champion, or a negro champion in any division for that matter, at least as long as the present generation endures. The Ethiopian has been afflicted from every class, Johnson being the last of his race to be wiped out.

Lighter Negroes were. There hasn't been a negro heavierweight of caliber since George Dixon passed away. There hasn't been a ranking heavy light since the demise of Joe Gans; the last good colored welterweight passed with the retirement of Joe Walcott, and there hasn't been a capable dusky middleweight since Sam Langford graduated into the heavyweight division. There are few ponderous negro heavyweights, any one of whom could give Willard a hard battle, but they must mingle among themselves hereafter. They can't play with the pale faced boys any more.

The day of the negro pugilist has gone never to thrive again. Johnson will never fight again, for the simple reason that he is defunct and broken in spirit and mind. He is a broken man, a "white hope" now. There will be no mad scramble among promoters for Johnson's services, and the former champion should be content with living peacefully on his chicken farm in Paris.

A few weeks ago Johnson was champion of the universe; now he is a middle aged negro, snuffed of his strength, shorn of his power.

Willard is the idol. Willard, the gawky computer from Kansas, is the idol of the pugilistic world, and already has begun realizing on his newly acquired championship. He richly deserves whatever he can accrue from being the title holder, for he strove valiantly to gain possession of the title. Any other heavyweight would have become overheated and abandoned the task

MINERS' TEAM WINS
FROM 15TH CAVALRY

The School of Mines ball team is rounding into shape. On Saturday it played a game with troop C, of the 15th cavalry at Fort Bliss and won by a score of 3 to 4. For four innings both teams were scoreless and then the miners broke into the score column with a whole half dozen, taking the advantage of an error on the part of the soldiers' infield and pitcher.

Walker pitched nice ball for the miners and was well caught by Dwyer. Near the end of the game Dwyer relieved Walker and kept up the good work.

The miners are arranging other games for the near future.

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